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RE: Inyo County Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (PRC 75001 et seq.) Grant Application

Dear Mr. Lutterman:

This letter is being provided to you to verify that the County of Inyo has statutory authority to contract with the State of California Department of Water Resources as proposed in the County of Inyo's Application for Local Groundwater Assistance Grant under the above referenced Bond Act.

The County of Inyo is a duly formed and existing political subdivision of the State of California. Government Code Section 23004(c) empowers a county to make contracts necessary to the exercise of its powers. Pursuant to this enactment, the County of Inyo has statutory authority to contract with the State of California, and specifically the Department of Water Resources, as proposed in the County's application for local groundwater assistance funding.

In providing the information set forth in this letter, I am doing so as the duly appointed and serving County Counsel, the attorney for the Applicant, County of Inyo.

Should you have any question concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Keller", is written over a horizontal line.

Randy H. Keller
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c: Inyo County Water Department
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